

Twenty years ago Benwell married Benwell is fifty-eight years. Phoebe Jane Armitage at the Willia Street Raptist Church, Rev. J. M. Lockwood performing the ceremony. Mrs.

"I would not have made this comBenwell was then the mother of a girl
fourteen years old.

"I would not have made this complaint," said the old lady, "only he
claims now he is not my husband. I am

girl and two years after the marriage came to his house last Sunday and told installed her as mistress of the house, me when the census man came not to Mrs. Benwell assuming the role of servant to her daughter and her husband.

This condition of affairs continued four"I said I would do nothing of the

and since then four more children have woman with the most children is entitled been born. These facts are admitted by to be called his wife. That's poor law, the three principals in the queer family and I want to know whether it will history.

### BENWELL'S EXCUSE.

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"My wife deceived me when we were married," declared Benwell at the County Jall yesterday. "She told me she had been married to a man named Armitage and secured a divorce. I found that she had never been married to Armitage and that her real name was Adems.

"My marriage to her, I concluded, was not legal, and I had a right to pay attention to her stepdaughter Nellie. I can't marry Nellie, of course, while her the condition of the real married to a man in this world, and Jealous people are only making trouble for us. Why did mother let things go on as they did for fourteen years, then leave us for six years and come in now with a complete the condition to her stepdaughter was found at her home, on North Fifth street, surrounded by half a dozen children, the youngest seventeen years old.

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McKenn ded on March & 1898, at the

In 1896 McKean made a will in which

he remembered several country residing

in Canada, and his uncle, with substan-

tial legacies. In February, 1898, McKean

executed a second will, leaving all his

property to a relative of his deceased half-sister. The beneficiaries under the

first will contested the second will on

Surrogate Fitzgerald says that the

"He was." mays the Surrogate. "a

man of great intelligence. Tet, living

as he did, a recluse and an invalid, his

'The contestants urge that the wholly

unwarranted attitude of McKean to-

ward his relatives was an insane de-

lusion. An expert designated him as

testimony shows that McKean suf-

the ground that McKeen was of un-

sound mind when it was executed.

tered for years from hemiplesta.

temper became soured.

lerable estate. He was a bachelor.

congus man is responsible for the mother lives, but I don't see what right ing of a family skeleton in the they have to interfere with us now. home of Arthur Benwell, a silk weaver in Paterson, and the confinement of she wants to live in my bouse, but she Benwell in the county-jail to await trial went away six years ago."

### THE WIFE'S STORY.

Benwell became infatuated with the stopping with my oldest son, and he

teen years and gix children were born kind, and then he declared he was not to Mrs. Benwell another. Then Mrs. Benwell left her husband, of the Peace had advised him that the

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WOMEN'S DRAWERS, of combrie, with
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of point d'esprit lace, while they lact
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dollars.

known the people's wants to the villagers. To-day the Sunday Want sheet voices the per

In olden times the town erler

### totally insame, but I cannot concur in this sweeping statement. The Surrogate concludes by saying that McKean left his property to a rela-tive of his half-elster because he had received the estate from his half-sister and believes it should revert to one of her relatives.

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